Recovery Team

City of Kingston / Public Sector Representatives

Bryan Paterson, Mayor of Kingston, (Chair)
Bryan was elected as the 96th Mayor of the City of Kingston in 2014 and, on Oct. 22, 2018, he was re-elected for a second term. He first ran for City Council in 2010 in Trillium District. Bryan moved to Kingston in 2000 to attend Queen's University as a graduate student. In 2006, after obtaining his Master’s and PhD in Economics at Queen's, he joined the economics faculty at Canada's Royal Military College in Kingston where he continues to work as an Assistant Professor.

Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Kingston
Lanie has 20 years of experience in the municipal sector. She first joined the City of Kingston in 2006 and since that time she has steadily taken on greater responsibilities within the Corporation. She was the Commissioner of the Community Services Group for eight years before serving as Acting/Interim CAO for a year until she accepted the position full-time in December of last year.

Public Health - Special Advisor

Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health, KFL&A Public Health
Dr. Moore received his Medical degree from the University of Ottawa and subsequently received his specialty certification in Family Medicine as well as Emergency Medicine from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He has Master's degrees in Disaster Medicine (DM) and Public Health (PH) as well as a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He has completed a Royal College Fellowship training in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Queen's University. He is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at Queen's University and the Program Director of Queen's Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency program. He is also the principal applicant of the CIHR funded Canadian Lyme Disease research network at www.clydrn.ca.
Restaurant Sector

Tim Pater, Owner/ Operator, Black Dog Hospitality Group
Tim Pater, a longtime Kingston resident, is the owner/operator of Black Dog Hospitality, whose operations include Chien Noir, Atomica, Dianne’s and Harper’s. Tim is participating in his third term on the DBIA Board and is the current Chair. Tim is a former member of the Tourism Kingston Board and has been a member of various community engagement groups and steering committees, primarily focused on the local food movement.

Personal Services Sector

Aba Mortley, Owner, Cher-Mère Day Spa
Dr. Aba Mortley is the owner of Cher-Mère Day Spa with two locations in Kingston. Aba did her undergraduate degree at Queen’s University and Msc and PhD at the Royal Military College of Canada. Aba is currently the Chair of the Tourism Kingston board, Co-Chair of Queen’s University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity, and a member of the DBIA board and its member committee. For over 20 years Aba has actively volunteered at Youth Diversion. Aba along with her partner enjoy raising 4 young children.

Retail Sector

Susan St. Clair, General Manager, Cataraqui Centre
A lifelong Kingstonian, Susan has served in a managerial role at Cataraqui Centre since its opening in 1982. She has also served as General Manager of Erin Mills Town Centre in Mississauga and The Cadillac Fairview Corporation office portfolio in Ottawa. A certified marketing director and member of the International Council of Shopping Centres, Susan has been the General Manager of Cataraqui Centre in Kingston for over 25 years. In that period, Susan directed four major construction expansion projects at Cataraqui Centre which have grown the retail footprint and ensuring customers had access to many of the leading retailers in North America. St. Clair was also involved in the sale of Cataraqui Centre from The Cadillac Fairview Corporation to Primaris Management Inc a division of H & R REIT.
Accommodation Sector

Sean Billing, Owner, Frontenac Club
Sean brings a wealth of hospitality, accommodation and tourism experiences with him, having held corporate, regional and senior property positions during his 30-year career. Sean’s path has seen him lead in resort areas around the globe, including the Canadian Rockies, East Africa, the United States and in Central Ontario. He has also held executive positions at luxury city-centre hotels in Ottawa, Guelph, Chicago, and Nairobi. Sean is Chair of RT09 and a board member with RTO4. He also sits on the boards of Visit Kingston and Kingston Downtown Business Association; as well as participating in the Tourism Skillsnet Ontario and St. Lawrence College Tourism Advisory boards.

Non-Profit / Charitable Sector

Bhavana Varma, President and CEO, United Way KFL&A
Bhavana Varma joined the United Way Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington as President and CEO in 1999. Her volunteer experience includes: Distress Centre, Big Brothers & Sisters, Trillium Grant Review Team in Niagara and the Early Years Challenge Fund Committee, founding Co-Chair of the Southeastern Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is a member of the United Way of Canada Movement Advisory Council and is on the Board of Directors of the Kingston Symphony Association. Bhavana currently works with partners and key stakeholders on developing shared community plans, chairing a local initiative to prevent and end youth homelessness in the region. She has received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal, Labour Council’s Community Activist award, Queen’s University Alumni Association’s Jim Bennett Achievement Award and, most recently, the Legacy Award from the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce. When she is not working, Bhavana enjoys travel, reading, theatre, opera and long walks.
Construction Sector

Dan Corcoran, Owner/President, Corcoran Excavating Ltd.
Dan Corcoran is the Owner, President and General Manager of Len Corcoran Excavating Ltd. His father, Len Corcoran, started the company in 1962. Dan has been the General Manager since 1985 but has memories of working at the company as young as 5 years old. He has represented the Kingston Heavy Civil section of the Kingston Construction Association at the Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA) in Toronto since 2010 and in the past served as President of the Kingston Construction Association. Corcoran Excavation has supported various charities and causes for the last 20 years. In particular, Dan championed fundraising campaigns for the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation raising more than $500,000. He is married to Deborah, who he's been with for 42 years, and together they have three grown children.

Cultural Sector

Tricia Baldwin, Director, Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts
Tricia Baldwin is the Director of the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts at Queen's University where she and her talented team have established the Isabel as a noted arts presenter of local, national, and international talent, an arts incubator for new works, and the co-founder of the Ka’tarohkwi Festival of Indigenous Arts with curator Dylan Robinson and the Isabel Human Rights Arts Festival where social justice and the arts interconnect. As a champion of the next generation, she initiated with national violin and cello competitions as well as the YGK Emerging Musician Competition with Claire Bouvier and Aaron Holmberg, and was the co-creator of the Master in Arts Leadership program with the DAN School to develop the next generation of arts leaders. During the COVID-19 isolation period, Tricia and her team have created the community-initiated Ballytobin LIVE FROM THE ISABEL online summer music festival and the Isabel Digital Concert Hall while converting the Isabel's Cello Competition to an online competition in collaboration with CBC. Throughout her career, Tricia has established a strong track record of visionary leadership and tremendous resource growth to bring vision to fruition for the benefit of many. She received her Bachelor of Music at U. of T. and her M.B.A. at the Schulich School of Business, York University where she serves on the Arts and Media Advisory Board.